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KANSAS BULLETIN NO. KS300-12-54

SUBJECT: LTP–Environmental Quality Incentives Program Missouri River Corridor Cover Crop Initiative

Action required by: July 27 and August 8, 2012 (Field Offices [FOs])
August 1 and August 10, 2012 (Area Offices [AOs])

Purpose. To provide guidance on accepting applications for the special Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding to support cover crops planted on croplands damaged by the 2011 Missouri River flooding

Expiration Date. September 30, 2013

Kansas has received \$125,000 for the EQIP Missouri River Corridor Cover Crop Initiative to address the sand deposition on cropland from the Missouri River flood of 2011. Kansas eligible counties include Atchison, Doniphan, Leavenworth, and Wyandotte. Applications for these funds are to be accepted through July 27, 2012.

Eligible Land Use:
Cropland only

Resource Concerns
Soil Condition—Damage from Sediment Deposition
Soil Condition—Organic Matter Depletion

Priority Areas:
HIGH—Protected side of levee
MEDIUM—No levee
LOW—Outside of Levee

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DIST: A, F, S, Corey Nelson, Franklin

Eligible Conservation Practices:

340 Cover Crop (Primary Practice)

- 342 Critical Area Planting
- 466 Land Smoothing
- 590 Nutrient Management
- 512 Forage and Biomass Planting
- 550 Range Planting
- 329 Residue Management, No-till
- 612 Tree/Shrub Establishment

NOTE: Cover Crop is required in the contract.

Ranking Criteria:

The Program Contracts System (ProTracts) ranking tool will be used to rank eligible applications. Guidance issued in Bulletin KS300-12-30 will be used to answer national priority questions. State and local ranking question can be found in the attachment.

Deadlines:

The application evaluation period cutoff date has been set for **July 27, 2012.**

The AO will make funding decisions by close of business **August 1, 2012.**

FOs will forward documentation to the Financial Management Staff for second level review no later than **August 8, 2012.**

All approved applications will be obligated by **August 10, 2012.**

Contact: Forward questions through established channels to Corey L. Nelson, Resource Conservationist, at (785) 823-4580 or corey.nelson@ks.usda.gov

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Attachment